

Guidance notes: Interviewing Research Students for Research Degree Programmes

Introduction

courses or parallel training may be required to bring the entry standard up to the required standard. It may well be worth exploring the ways in which the candidate might make their own specific contribution to the project, tailoring it to their specific interests and skills.

- 13 More preparation may be required for interviews when candidates are applying to carry out their own choice of project since the proposed project area may be one which requires the support of other academic supervisors, who may or may not be willing and able to provide it. It is important to ensure that the necessary supervisory expertise is available, as are the facilities and resources necessary to carry out the project. You also need to be confident that the project is feasible and can be completed within three years of full-time study (or equivalent part-time study).

The Interview Structure

- 14 In order to help the candidate to respond effectively and to try to establish some rapport, the session should begin with some relatively straight forward questions. For example, initial questions could ask about interesting factual information

